

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to compel their stations to broadcast an anti-Kerry fable days before the election is a pure example of the hazards of media consolidation.

Sinclair exploits the public airwaves free of charge, and is mandated by law to serve the public interest. However when large corporations manipulate the airwaves, we travel more towards fascism and less towards democracy. Instead of something concocted at "News Central" thousands of miles away, we need unbiased facts about stories that matter and authored by people from our community.

Sinclair's actions demonstrate why we must strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more public oversight and not just a returned postcard. Thank you.